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TEACHING DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

We are pleased to announce the establishing of a special fund to award Teaching Development Grants. As a result of a $10,000 grant from the Rector, together with funds from the Learning Development Office, we have over $14,000 to award this year.

Teaching Development Grants will be awarded to encourage an support individuals or groups of faculty to undertake activities designed to improve the quality of teaching and learning in their classes. The types of activities which might be supported include:

- the development of teaching material for a new or existing course
- the introduction of some teaching improvement or innovation into an existing course as a means of increasing its effectiveness
- attendence at workshops or training sessions designed to increase your personal or professional skills in a way directly related to teaching
- travel to observe a teaching technique or innovation which might be introduced at Concordia
- departmental projects designed to increase teaching effectiveness.

Applications for grants are available from the Learning Development Office. The deadline for the receipt of applications this term is November 23. All applications received will be reviewed by a special committee of faculty appointed by the Deans. If funds permit, a second round of applications will be invited in the second term.

Ron Smith and Jane Magnan from the Learning Development Office are available to assist in preparing applications.

Some of the grants that have been awarded in previous years include:

Library Studies. In an attempt to deal with varying backgrounds of students entering their introductory courses as well as many different part-time faculty teaching quite different versions of the same course, Library Studies received funding to send two faculty to a special training course on Personalized

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Systems of Instruction in Washington. On their return they worked to develop new materials and methods for teaching several introductory courses.

French Studies. A group of professors received a grant to develop special instructional materials to teach specialized language courses - e.g. French for the health professionals.

Mathematics. One professor developed some video tapes for remedial and enrichment purposes on certain topics in statistics. Another professor is developing some computer testing procedures to provide students with the opportunity for repeated practice on problems at different levels. They receive immediate feedback on their answers as well as directions to appropriate resources, if necessary.

Communication Studies received a grant to help set up and run a departmental reassessment and goal setting workshop.

Applied Social Science. One professor is interviewing 10-15 graduates of the programme in an attempt to analyze and assess what they have learned as a result of their programme.

Accountancy. One professor was funded to attend the 7th Annual Sagamore Conference on Instructional Development in Higher Education.

Management. One professor was funded to attend the 6th Annual Organizational Behavior Teaching Conference.

Some restraints on the awarding of funds are:

1. Funds will not be granted for activities normally supported by research or study grants.

2. Funds will not be granted for the purchase of supplies which are normally a departmental charge.

3. Funds cannot be used to pay full-time staff or faculty.

4. Funds will not normally be used for the purchase of capital equipment.

5. Any profit realized from the sale of any material produced with grant support should be used to repay the grant.

6. All applicants will be encouraged to "payback" the grant in some way, e.g. acting as a consultant to other faculty, running a workshop, writing a newsletter, etc.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance please contact us.

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